

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 4, 2013

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, November 4, 2013 with Commissioners, Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor. Leigh Morning, County Attorney was absent.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes. Mary Ann Beard, Auditor stated that she had overlooked a request from Milroy residents for an inspection of an unsightly house at 214 N Pillsbury St. in Milroy. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2013 as amended. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BICENTENNIAL 2016

Commissioner Levi continues to seek someone to serve as the Rush County chairman for the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial and Torch Run. Eleanor Arnold, the Rush County Historian will be contacted for suggestions.

RAILS TO TRAILS

Bruce Levi noted that the Supreme Court has agreed to hear a Rails to Trails case in Wyoming. The court will determine the fate of public ownership of abandoned railroad right of way, some of which has been converted from Rails to Trails.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dixie Meyer of the Rush County Health Department reported that a county resident had tested positive for TB. A chest x-ray must be given to confirm the results of the injection. In this case the person in question has no health insurance and the Health Department is requesting payment be allowed by a county agency. Ken Masters moved to allow the request. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

Kristi Amos, County Extension Director shared a flier that she submitted to her director titled "Making a Difference in Rush County". The brochure highlights some popular programs and defines the value of Purdue Extension.

COURTHOUSE CLOCK

Marvin Rees reported that although the clock was repaired at the time, the fix is just temporary and the clock needs to be refurbished. Rees went on to say that there is a DNR, State Department of Preservation 50/50 grant available but he would continue to search for available grants. Mr. Levi thanked Rees for his volunteer work on the clock.

EAGLE ACCOUNTS

John Saxon, property owner logged a complaint about a notice he received in the mail from Eagle Accounts collection agency contracted by Debbie Richardson County Clerk. Saxon stated that he did not owe the amount in question and it was removed by the Clerk's office when he brought it to their attention. Saxon complaints were that the accounts were not checked before being certified to the agency, the threatening approach that was displayed in the notice, and that the billing was not itemized. Mr. Saxon was asked to read the notice aloud which indicated there was means to dispute the billing and apparently those steps had taken place with the Clerk. Mr. Levi agreed to talk to the Clerk in regard to the agency but also acknowledged that the collection had recovered several thousand of uncollected dollars to the County General Fund.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend Solid Waste Director advised the Commissioners of the upcoming Solid Waste event. An On-Site Secure Document Shred will take place on Saturday, November 16th from 9:00a.m to noon. Rush County residents can bring their documents to the Riverside Park to have them shredded free of charge.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton submitted the department's monthly report. Sitton shared that the bids have been advertised for fuel and stone. There will be no bidding for pipe. Bidding will take place on December 16th at 9:30.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Sherwood reported 39 inmates in his submitted report. The department has received 28 applications for the merit deputy position. The Merit Board will meet on December 6th and test applicants on December 16th. A part time jailer has been moved to fill the full time vacancy and applications are being taken for the dispatcher position.

Steve Houston's patrol truck was damaged by downed electrical wires in last week's storm and will be repaired in the near future.

The gasoline bid is still on hold with the latest bid at \$3.12 per gallon.

AUDITOR

- Estimate to replace broken window in the assembly room is \$650 from Kenny Glass in Columbus, IN.
- GIS data request was approved under the public recorders law.
- Beacon GIS Website went live on November 1st. Schneider Engineering is commended for their phenomenal response to our November 1st deadline.

BONDS

A surety bond for Ashley Stevens was signed on a motion by Ken Masters with Mark Bacon offering a second. Motion carried.

Tonya Muckerheide's bond was approved with Mark Bacon offering the motion and Ken Masters seconding the action. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

- Contracts for the ambulance service are being reviewed.
- Wellman Brothers Roofing will be at the courthouse today.
- Thanks to the EMA & IT directors for allowing the use of the closet in the assembly room.
- Plans are being made to move the Commissioners Room to the Assembly Room as of January 2014.

Claims were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Payroll was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor